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Louisiana

Cameron Parish.
Cameron Saturday, Dec 29th
" 1877

Yes my dear, you should
have had a letter instead
of a paper -

Since writing you
last I have had a variety of
experiences, and now time
to tell you about it -

The past summer was
not extremely warm, it
was just hot - Nights
being very dull. Mr C.
had his schooner repaired,
and with raising the
house, and building a new
kitchen, it gave me a
plenty of exercise - He has

been "cooking in the country
and eating in town", a
Southern custom which
nurs very nicely when one
keeps servants - but it was
too much for me - now I
can go to any part of my
house peacefully in the most
mosquito laden - having
mine sitting in windows
and doors -

After Frances closed her
school, a Miss House from
Houston visited her, who we
found very pleasant - but
unfortunately, she was here
the 18th of Sept - the day and
night of the "storm" peculiar
to this coast - We are
sixty miles from Galveston,
but very near the coast.
Here it was not nearly as
severe; no actual loss except

to cotton and oranges - but
with the wind blowing
at the rate of sixty
miles an hour, the fearful
roaring of the Gulf, sheets
of rain, and vivid
lightning, it was fearful -

Soon after Miss House
left - Frances was taken very
sick with bilious fever - she
was confined to her bed
six weeks, and although
about is still very feeble -
in her delirium, her mind
wandered back to our old
home and friends, and oh,
how I wished ourselves
there - with her father away,
a poor physician, and few
true friends, I felt almost
discouraged - but for the past

week she has seemed better,
and if after wife go back to
Huntington to school -

Your letter was a treat of
itself - and those beautiful
leaves - after enjoying them in
Frank's room, as soon as she
came out, she arranged them
under glass, making a cross
of one of the leaves, and sent
to a friend, who has never
been North -

I can hardly say if we
had any choice in the contents
of Scribner - first we all
read and reread - then lent
to a neighbor - and now they
have gone to entirely a sick-
room - Thanks, from all, for
your loving kindness -